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## 4.1 Objectives

- 4.1.1 To learn the components of blood as they relate to the study of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis.
- 4.1.2 To understand the principles of fluid dynamics as they relate to the study of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis.

## 4.2 Methods of Instruction

- 4.2.1 Topics to be discussed and/or presented include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 4.2.1.1 Fluid Dynamics (cohesion, surface tension and viscosity)
  - 4.2.1.2 Drying time
  - 4.2.1.3 Clotting time
  - 4.2.1.4 Volume of Blood drops
  - 4.2.1.5 Size of stain
  - 4.2.1.6 Surface effects
  - 4.2.1.7 Terminal velocity
  - 4.2.1.8 Effect of Blood Thinners
  - 4.2.1.9 Capillary action

# 4.2.2 Assignment

Several articles and handout materials referencing miscellaneous aspects of fluid dynamics; such as surface tension, viscosity, drop volume, etc., have been provided. Please review this information and prepare a brief written outline of aspects and/or issues to be discussed. Fluid dynamics will be discussed and how these physical properties influence stains and interpretation of them.

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